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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 586  
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Billie G. Bush of  
Livingston.

WHEREAS, on August, 28 1997, Billie G. Bush of Overton County departed this life for a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War; because of his experiences in the United States Army, he had the courage to remain true to his convictions, relinquishing his membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1980, when the organization endorsed President Ronald Reagan; and

WHEREAS, Billie G. Bush let his patriotism and strong moral fiber shine through during his valiant stint in the United States Army, where he attained the rank of corporal; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, Mr. Bush was wounded in Korea while proudly serving his country, and received the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush was an active member of the American Legion for 51 years and served as the Commander of both the Red Boiling Springs and Livingston Posts; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Billie Bush was a valuable member of numerous other veterans organizations, including the Disabled American Veterans, the 1st Cavalry Regiment Association, and the 8th Cavalry Association; and

WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Brown received his post-secondary education at Andrew Jackson University in Nashville, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Accounts and Bookkeeping; after working in sales for ten years, he owned and operated his own automotive supply business until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Billie Bush was devoted Democrat for his entire adult life; he had been honored and recognized for his immeasurable contributions to the Tennessee Democratic Party in a resolution sponsored by the Tennessee Democratic Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, he established a memorable legacy in the political arena by means of his stalwart support of Democratic candidates for local, state and federal offices; he served with great dignity and purpose as Overton County Campaign Chairman for numerous Democratic candidates and never lost a primary or general election for his candidate in the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush served with acumen and alacrity as Chairman of the Overton County Democratic Party for 22 years and as a member of the Overton County Election Commission for 18 years, serving astutely as Chairman for 13 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bush attended the inauguration of Governor Ned McWherter and experienced the great pleasure of meeting President Bill Clinton personally; he was a loyal supporter and friend to both gentlemen and had been recognized for his meritorious service to both of these prominent leaders; and

WHEREAS, a proficient public servant who always remained true to his roots, Mr. Bush was a charter member of the Livingston Civitan Club; he served this worthy organization in numerous leadership capacities, and was selected as the Most Outstanding Civitan of the Year for Area 1 in 1972-1973; and

WHEREAS, he was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and Shriner in both the York Rite and Scottish Rite and had served with distinction as a leader in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Bush was a faithful member of the Livingston First Baptist Church for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, the sterling legacy Mr. Bush leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by his friends, colleagues, and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to Marie Crabtree Bush of Livingston, the proud parent of Gary Threet and Ricky McDonald, and the grandfather of Gary Lynn Threet and Brian and Jessica McDonald; and

WHEREAS, even as we acknowledge the irreplaceable loss of Billie G. Bush, we must give thanks that we have benefited so greatly from his political and community activism, his probity, his piety, his expertise, and his unwavering commitment to equality and freedom for all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to express our gratitude for the bountiful life of Mr. Billie G. Bush of Livingston and Overton County. As we honor his memory, we also remember with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to his fellow human beings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the Bush family with this final clause omitted from such copy.